1	2	3	4	5
Snatching . .	1989	..	..	..
	1990	..	..	..
	1991 (upto 30-6-91)	..	..	..
Burglary . . .	1989	1	1	3
	1990	1	..	4
	1991 (upto 30-6-91)	..	..	5
Other thefts . .	1989	2	..	24
	1990	..	2	18
	1991 (upto 30-6-91)	..	1	9

[*English*]

Grant of Licences to Industrial and Commercial Units in Delhi

597. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4766 on April 12, 1990 and state:

(a) whether the licences have since been issued to industrial and commercial units which came into operation before January 1, 1990;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a large number of industrial and commercial units have sprung up in non-conforming areas after January 1, 1990; and

(d) if so, the remedial measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) No decision has been taken to grant licences to such units.

(c) and (d) No survey has been carried out for identifying such units.

New Telephone Connections in Kerala

598. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: PROF. K. V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for new telephone connections pending in Kerala till date;

(b) the steps being taken to clear them;

(c) whether the Union Government have any plan to extend STD facility to more places in Kerala;

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) the details of the modernisation and expansion programmes for the telephone exchanges in Kerala during the next five years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 186724 applicants are waiting for telephone connections as on 30-6-91.

(b) About 40,000 telephone connections are planned to be provided dur-

ing 1991-92 and remaining applicants are planned to be provided connections progressively during 8th Plan.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. 12 stations have already been provided with STD facility during the current year. Over 40 more stations are proposed to be provided with STD facility during remaining part of 91-92.

(e) Draft 8th Plan proposals relating to expansion and modernisation of telephone exchanges for the Kerala telecom Circle envisage.

growth of network to bring down the waiting period for exchanges over 5000 lines on an average to one year and less than 5000 lines to practically on demand.

Replacement of life expired switching equipment with electronic equipment.

Provision of 60 Kms. of ducting.

Induction of digital equipment in the local network to the extent of 94% of the total equipment.

Gold Deposits in Kerala

599. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted in the Nilambur area of Kerala to find out the gold and mineral deposits; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. Geological Survey of India (GSI) and Kerala Mineral Exploration and Development Project (KMEDP) of the State Government have conducted investigations both for primary and placer gold in Nilambur area of Kerala. GSI has also carried out survey for iron ore at Korattimala about 16 kilometres North-East of Nilambur.

(b) *Gold*: Detailed exploration for primary gold by KMEDP at Maruda in Nilambur has proved a reserve of 0.5 million tonnes of auriferous reef with average grade of 4 grams per tonne.

Detailed exploration for placer gold in Chaliyar-Punnapuzha river beds has proved 2.5 million tonnes of auriferous gravels having a grade of 0.1 gram/cubic metres.

Iron Ore: A reserve of 4.63 million tonnes of iron ore has been estimated by GSI at Korattimala about 16 kilometres North-East of Nilambur.

Diplomatic Relations with Fiji

600. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has diplomatic relations with Fiji;

(b) whether the people of Indian origin are being treated as second class citizens in that country; and

(c) if so, the fresh initiatives being taken by the Union Government to restore their democratic rights?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir. Although our Mission in Suva was closed on 24th May, 1990, we have not broken diplomatic relations with Fiji.

(b) The illegal Constitution promulgated by decree on 25th July, 1990 has provisions discriminating against Fijians of Indian origin.

(c) The Government of India is pursuing the matter vigorously at concerned UN organisations and Human Rights bodies. It has been raised every year at the sessions of the UN General Assembly since the coups in 1987, at the 1990 session of the Human Rights Sub-Commission for Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and 1991 session of the Human Rights Commission.